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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Traffic Patterns in North Vietnam and Laos  
Related to the Situation in Laos and South Vietnam

1. At a meeting between General Carroll of DIA and Mr. Cline on 30 April it was agreed that CIA and DIA should produce a coordinated preliminary analysis of road traffic in North Vietnam and Laos as it relates to the situation in Laos and South Vietnam. It was further agreed that this preliminary analysis should be presented to the USIB for consideration at its 13 May meeting, and that a final analysis of traffic patterns should be produced as soon as feasible thereafter.

2. The analysis of road traffic should attempt to determine what logistic support is intended for Communist units in Laos and what logistic support might be going to the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. The study should keep in mind the need for any indications of North Vietnam intentions that can be derived from the analysis of logistic activity.

3. Mr. Cline has asked me to request that OPR undertake responsibility for producing the study in conjunction with DIA. The study should also be coordinated with interested analysts in OCI. A copy of this memorandum is also being sent to NPIC which was represented at the meeting mentioned above and is aware of the importance and priority of this project.

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